

NETWORKS!

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SUMMER SEASON TIPS!!

- Keep your grass under 10 inches long.
- Keep your yards and sidewalks free of litter .
- Keep the music in your homes and cars at a reasonable level.
- Keep Toter lids tightly shut to avoid unwanted visitors.
- Be a GOOD Neighbor!

CLIFF-NOTES

BY MOLLY CLIFFORD

On behalf of the entire Neighborhood Empowerment Teams (NET) staff, welcome to the first edition of *NETWorks!* There have been a number of changes to the NET program over the past few months, and we hope that our initiatives, like this newsletter, will help us serve you better.

This quarterly newsletter will share information about City of Rochester policies and procedures, celebrate neighborhood successes, and tell you about upcoming events and community meetings. If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail, please let us know by contacting dwyertr@cityofrochester.gov. You can also find a downloadable copy on the City's website www.cityofrochester.gov.

We hope you had an opportunity to participate in "Rochester's Clean Sweep," Mayor Duffy's initiative to bring community volunteers and City staff together to concentrate our efforts on cleaning up a different NET area each week. NET is proud to have been an integral part of this program, organizing volunteers and special projects for clean-up. We had hundreds of volunteers each week picking up literally tons of garbage and debris that accumulated over the winter. In NET offices across the City, we're working hard to improve our customer service, while maintaining our commitment to partnering with residents and investors to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Each NET office is now open one evening a week to better assist residents who work during the day. Your NET Area, D, is now open on Monday's from 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to call or stop in if you have questions or concerns about your neighborhood. At any time, if you have comments or questions about NET, please feel free to contact your area administrator or me. I can be reached at 428-6524 or by e-mail at molly.clifford@cityofrochester.gov. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer!



Molly Clifford
NET Director

SAXE-O-SENTENCES

BY PETER SAXE

I am excited about the opportunity to be part of a featured article in the *NETWorks* newsletter. This will provide me and other NET employees with a forum to offer helpful information to residents and businesses in Sectors 6 and 7.

I would like to acknowledge former Mayor Johnson and members of his administration for my appointments in key roles within NET. I have worked for the city of Rochester for over 20 years, and have been part of NET since its inception, first as an inspector, then Assistant NET Administrator, and now as a NET Administrator.

The NET program has been a subject of controversy for some, but a benefit to others who seek solutions for the day-to-day challenges of urban life. Mayor Duffy acknowledges the difficulties the NET program has dealt with in the past nine years. He has used the Center for Governmental Research (CGR) report



Peter Saxe
NET Administrator

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BY PETER SAXE

and recommendations as a guide in making operational improvements to the NET program. As a result, Mayor Duffy wastes no time in expecting results from us, and at the same time supporting our efforts.

Under the direction of Molly Clifford, there have been significant changes and accomplishments in the first six months of her management: the appointment of four new administrators; an extensive evaluation process for NET personnel; conflict resolution training for all NET employees; extension of NET office hours; NET's significant role in the Clean Sweep program; the lead role NET has taken in the Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention program, to name a few.

I would like to thank Mayor Duffy and NET Director Molly Clifford for allowing me to continue in my role as NET Administrator of Sectors 6 and 7. I am confident that through the combined efforts of the NET office, along with the residents, businesses, churches, block clubs, neighborhood associations, and neighborhood planning committees, we will realize the potential and stabilization of our city.

In future articles, I plan to feature individuals and neighborhoods on their efforts to improve their corner of the city. I will also take the opportunity to explain new NET initiatives that may affect the lives of the neighbors of the southeast part of the city.

Stop in and see us !

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NEW LEAD BASED PAINT POISONING PREVENTION CODE

BY GARY KIRKMIRE, NET CODE COORDINATOR

On July 1, 2006 the City's new Lead Ordinance went into effect. The Ordinance is applicable to all structures built prior to 1978. As part of any of the types of inspections currently being performed by NET staff, there will be a visual observation for deteriorated paint and bare soil.

The Legislation requires the use of Lead Safe Work Practices for anyone correcting a deteriorated paint violation and prohibits bare soil from being within three feet of the perimeter of a residential building. Once the necessary work is completed, deteriorated paint violations on the exterior, including open porches, will be visually cleared by NET staff. Interior deteriorated paint violations must be cleared by a Certified Lead Based Paint Inspector or Risk Assessor. In addition, in the designated "High Risk" areas, if a dwelling unit being inspected does not have an interior deteriorated paint violation, a lead dust wipe test will be scheduled and conducted by city staff.

For further information, including available grants, please contact the Lead Hotline at **428-LEAD** (5323) or visit the city's Lead web site at <http://lead.cityofrochester.gov>



ROLL CALL



BY LT. ERIC PAUL

With all the positives that the warm weather and sunshine bring, we quickly notice a few negatives that accompany the onset of summer. I'm not talking about ALLERGY season, although it may affect some of us worse than others. I am talking about City Residents' second greatest: **NOISE**. It has been deemed a major Quality of Life issue, so much so that the City increased the penalties for violations of the City's Noise Ordinance several years ago.

The Noise Ordinance for Vehicles. If you can hear electronically produced sound (car stereo for example), emanating from a vehicle over **50 feet** away, that vehicle is in violation of the Noise Ordinance. A Police Officer who sees this violation **can** stop the vehicle and cite the driver for a violation of the noise ordinance (\$100 ticket). The Officer **can** also tow the vehicle to the pound and force the owner to pay an additional (\$100+) tow fee. If the owner does not pick up the vehicle in a timely manner, he/she will incur added storage fees for that vehicle. **WHAT YOU CAN DO!** As a City resident, you should write down the license plate as well as the make and model of the car. Call your local NET office and report the complaint giving as much information of time and place as possible.

The Noise Ordinance for a Residence. If you are playing your home stereo or boom box inside or outside of your home between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., the noise/music should not be heard more than **50 feet** past your property line. Additionally, between the hours of **10 PM and 8 AM**, the noise/stereo should not be heard more than 50 feet from its source. It is important to note the times of day that allow for the variations of the Ordinance. **WHAT YOU CAN DO!** Take down as much information as possible including date and time of occurrence, house or apartment number, distance you estimate that the sound is traveling over 50 feet and most importantly, if at all possible, WHO the offender is. The Police ultimately need to know who is responsible and who will receive the \$100 ticket.

During the Summer, the Rochester Police Department will be conducting NOISE DETAILS on a regular basis throughout the City.

INSPECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

BY JOHN MCMAHON

Unlicensed Cars and You: A standard complaint at your Neighborhood Empowerment Team is for unlicensed or junk vehicles. The City of Rochester's Property Conservation Code prohibits storage of these vehicles on residential property - and for good reason. They offer harborage for rodents, a temptation for curious youth and an eye-sore to the surrounding neighborhood in many cases. **If You Have One:** Make it Legal: Make sure it is Registered and Inspected with Plates and Sticker; Get a permit: Call 428-6526; for a small fee you can legally store one vehicle per property for up to six months; Make it Gone: Put it in a garage or give it to charity. **If You See One:** Please call your Neighborhood Empowerment Team Office. Please indicate if it is visible from the street, or if you can only see it from your yard. Be sure to give the Neighborhood Conservation Officer permission to enter your yard to view it. If we can't see it, we can't cite it. Once verified, the property owner is issued a Notice and Order telling them we noticed a violation, and they are ordered to correct it. The notice and order expires after ten days. Once this ten day period has expired, the NCO returns, places a warning sticker on the car, and records the VIN#. A certified letter is then sent to the last legal registrant giving them ten days to follow the steps above. After the ten days have passed your NCO returns for another inspection. A final warning sticker is placed on the car, a picture is taken and all relative paperwork to have the car towed the following day is submitted. The cars Blue Book Value determines its fate. Cars valued at under \$1,250 are signed over to the towing contractor to be destroyed.

WHAT'S REALLY GOOD!

Sector 7 News: It is my pleasure to announce the addition of two new Neighborhood Conservation Officers who will be serving the residents and business owners of Sector 7. James Demps and Joanne Sills have come from the Genesee NET with experience and enthusiasm. The Monroe Village Task Force has hired a consultant to develop a strategic planning document. The Neighborhood of the Arts is in the midst of judging and selecting two bus shelters that are works of art. The models are on display at the SEAC offices, from July 14 - August 4, located at 1045 S. Clinton.

Sector 6 News: Neighborhood Conservation Officer Thomas D'Agostino comes to Sector 6 from the Department of Community Development with experience in building and zoning matters. Office staff member Janett Blake complements the NET staff with her secretarial skills. Upper Mt. Hope will cut the ribbon on their new children's playground, located on Eastmoreland Dr. SWPC will hold its Annual Report Meeting at "Wedgestock," which features a chicken BBQ and two live bands at the Highland Bowl on August 27, from 1-5. The South Clinton Design Charette Committee in conjunction with the RRCDC will be submitting the second phase of plans for South Clinton.

"Now That's What's Really Good!"



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NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS!

🔗 **Sector 6 Meetings**

2nd Monday of every month @ 5:30 pm at the NET Office

🔗 **Swillburg**

3rd Monday of every month @ 7:00 pm at the NET Office

Neighborhood Groups/Organizations—Sector 6

Swillburg - David Chappius, President
Elwanger-Barry Neighborhood Assoc - Mike Thompson, President
Southwedge Planning Comm - Dan Buyer, Executive Director
SWPC Neighborhood Council - Gail Lynch
Lilac Neighborhood Assoc - Joan Linberg
Upper Mt Hope Neigh Assoc - Bob Good, President
Phillips Pride - Jerry Machado
Southeast Area Coalition - Helen Hogan, Exec. Director

Merchants Associations

BASWA - Phillip Duquette
S Clinton Merchants Assoc - Kathy Betlem
Monroe Ave Merchants Assoc - Peggy Avery
Park Ave Merchants Assoc - Cindy Geller

Neighborhood Groups/Organizations—Sector 7

Sector 7 - Moira Lemperle, Chair
Park Ave Revitalization Comm - Bruce Trombley, President
Neighborhood Of The Arts - Doug Rice
Chap 21 - Todd Perkins
Pearl/Monroe/Meigs - Rick Runyan
Lock 66 - Ted Benedict
Upper Monroe - Jason Baruth, President
Monroe Village Task Force - Carolyn Currie